Sir, under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the Table the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, VIII of 1098.

Item No.	Amount Rs.	Remarks
Cranganur. 1. Land Revenue Cleaning charges.	32	Owing to the entertainment of a sweeper for the newly-constructed Village Office at Lokamaleswaram and the increased allowance paid to the Taluk thotty the allotment under "Cleaning charges" for 1104 was found insufficient and a sum of Rs. 32 had to be urgently transferred from the available savings under a non-voted head to make the payments which had fallen due in the year.

Point of order re: statements.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Before we go to the next item, I would like to have enlightenment from the Chair as to whether, when the scope of a section in the Legislative Council Regulation is exceeded, we will be in order to raise a point for the attention of the House, for a ruling.

President.—I do not follow you.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Supposing the scope of a section of our Cochin Legislative Council Regulation is exceeded, ...

President.—Which section?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Section 16 (8). Suppose the scope of that section is exceeded, whether it will be in order to draw the attention of the House to the fact.

President.—The scope of the section is not exceeded. What is the legal interpretation you put on it?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You have certified and placed before us statements for Rs. 62 thousand which amount is the entire demand that was thrown out in the last session. Of course, what is essential for the discharge of the responsibilities of Government can certainly be certified under that section, but not more than that. Suppose the Government certifies more than it is essential for the discharge of their responsibilities till the next House meets, in that case, would it be in order to raise a discussion in the House?

President.—Is that not a point on which the voice of the Government is final?

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—So far as the essential nature is concerned.

President.—What is essential for carrying on the administration is a matter to be determined by the Government, and the determination of that matter by the Government is final. I put forward that aspect of the matter. It is the Government that must see what is essential for the administration, and if the Government say that the whole grant that has been vetoed must be restored for the administration, that voice is final and not questionable. So that, in this case, the Government has certified that which is essential for carrying on the responsibilities of administration and that stands final and unquestioned.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—If the scope of the section is exceeded by the Government, would it be in order to draw the attention of the House to the fact?

President.—I cannot understand the excess or the meaning which you put upon the section. You are aware of many provisions wherein the jurisdiction of Civil Courts is shut out. The rights of parties are finally determined by the Courts of Justice; for certain matters by the Government and so this is final and cannot be questioned in a Court of Law. They make a statement of that kind here also. This section gives the final power to the Government to certify what it considers essential for the discharge of the responsibilities of Government. That is a final jurisdiction vested in the Government and cannot be questioned by anybody. There is no question of excess or anything of the kind. An allotment of Rs. 60 thousand and odd has been vetoed by the Council and it is necessary for the essential carrying on of the administration. So it has been restored.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Discharge of the responsibility of the administration. That is my statement to the Chair. Supposing the scope of the section is exceeded, would it be in order to draw the attention of the House?

President.—It is a hypothetical question. Give an instance. Tell me what it is that has been exceeded. Then I shall enlighten you.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—My submission is that the demand for 62 thousand and odd rupees was thrown out. It is essential for the discharge of the responsibilities of Government to certify as much amount out of it as would be necessary to carry on the administration till the next House meets. When the next House meets, it is open to the Government to come and say 'we have discharged our responsibilities so far, by our certificate, and we submit the balance that we require for the remaining portion of the year to the vote of the House again,' and must see whether

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you have a chance to get the confidence of the House again or not. Now the Government, by certifying the whole amount, shuts out the functions of this House to express restored confidence of the House or continued no-confidence in the Government. Therefore, we are shut out from the legitimate function that we have to express ourselves as regards our relation to the Government, and that, I submit, is not correct. Therefore, it is that I asked, if the expenditure of the whole year is certified under that section, whether it will be in order to raise a discussion in this House.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—Please refer to Rule 51. It will be seen that the Hon'ble Member is clearly wrong. The whole demand can be restored if it is found that it is necessary, though it is not necessary. The Rule does not say that only so much should be restored as would be sufficient for the expenditure till the next meeting.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—'*Essential to the discharge*' are the words used there.

President.—That is only a reproduction of that.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—Yes. It is not stated there that only that part should be restored that would be sufficient till the next meeting of the Council. If that was there, the Hon'ble Member would be perfectly right.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It is neither stated that the whole demand can be restored. Only as much as is *essential* for the discharge of the responsibilities of the Government and nothing more.

President.—Any discussion on that point will be not in order.

Demands for Supplementary Grants.

1. I—Land Revenue—Temporary Establishment—Rs. 1,150.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 1,150 under 'I—Land Revenue-Temporary Establishment'. This amount is required for the appointment of a special staff consisting of a Special Survey Officer, a Surveyor and four peons for carrying on the joint verification of the Valluvanad-Cochin boundary. The joint verification is to be done with the Madras Government.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—And in Palghat? Only in Valluvanad?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The verification of the Palghat-Cochin boundary is over. These boundaries have to be verified for the preparation of correct common records. For that matter a special staff has to be appointed. The Madras

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